

APRIL - JUNE 2003

In the April - June 2002 newsletter, I appealed to each of you to forward to our membership secretary, Darlene Benard, your e-mail address. Not many of you have done so. We are making every effort to distribute this newsletter by e-mail. It is both more efficient and costs significantly less to do so. Mrs. Benard's e-mail address is usrpa@aol.com. Please forward your e-mail addresses to her. By doing so you will help improve the communication of Association information.

I continue to see the same faces at gun shows soliciting memberships for the State Association and the NRA. For your information, the NRA rebates to the State Association \$10 for each new member signed up. Please contact Ralph Schamel and volunteer your time to help for a couple of hours. It also benefits you directly. If you help, you get into the gun shows free of charge. If I do not hear from you, Ralph and I will be calling each of you in the future for assistance at our gun show tables. Please do not take offense if you receive a call. We are merely trying to spread the work around. If you do not want to be contacted, a e-mail to this effect would be most appreciated.

As I mentioned to you in the last newsletter, volunteers are desperately needed to finish the work on the Green River Shooting Complex. Howard Andrews and I will be going to Green River on Saturday, June 21, 2003 to work on the range. If any of you are available, please give me a call or plan on meeting at the Division of Wildlife Resources west parking lot at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah at 6:00 a.m. We plan on car pooling. It is a three hour drive. In the past we have been back in Salt Lake by 8:00 p.m. We need to finish as much work on this range as possible to avoid a lapse in the Pitman-Robertson funds set aside for

construction of this range. If a sufficient amount of work is not completed by June 30, 2003, the \$75,000 set aside will lapse. Such a lapse will be a real travesty. The money will go back to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for reallocation to States other than Utah. Please let me know if you can help.

The first 1,000 yard match at the resurrected old Wendover Military Rifle Range south of the Airport was held this past Saturday, June 7, 2003. The turn out was meager, but the enthusiasm was great. There is still much work to be done before it becomes a premier shooting facility. Equipment operators are needed once the road grader is repaired to operate the grader, the front end loader, and the dump trucks to move dirt for the firing lines at 900, 800, 600, and 300 yard lines, and to finish the 1,000 yard firing line. Please call me or Will Smith if you can help.

Work is progressing on rebuilding the 600 yard target pit at Centerville. The rock ledge that coursed from northeast to southwest across most of the pit is no more. It is now fine granulated and pulverized material. As soon as it can be removed and placed on the backstop, work can commence on pour cement for the footings for the pit retaining wall. If you know of someone with a backhoe or front end loader that can scoop out this material, please let Bud Benard or myself know.

The Utah Summer Games shooting events will take place this next week at Springville, Utah. You can register for these events by logging on to www.UtahSummerGames.org.

Enjoy your summer.

Woody
